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TO AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: PAN AM DIFFICULTIES

REF: A) PRAGUE 1605 B) PRAGUE 1595 C) PRAGUE 1320

1. EMBASSY IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR ITS PROMPT RESPONSE TO
GOC ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO US DESIGNATED AIRLINE'S
OPERATIONS IN PRAGUE (REFS A AND B).

2. DEPT., PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTELS A AND B, HAD BEEN
PREPARED TO OFFER ESSENTIALLY STATUS QUO EXTENSION OF AIR
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (REF C) BY EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC
NOTES. IT NOW APPEARS TO US THAT GOC ATTITUDE IN CIVAIR
MATTERS IS UNSATISFACTORY. WE SEE NEED TO REASSESS OUR
POSITION AND PENDING OUTCOME OF CURRENT PROBLEMS WE PLAN
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TO MAKE NO DECISION ON EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO CZECH
MOTIVES FOR CREATING CIVAIR DIFFICULTIES AT TIME WHEN
THEY ARE APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING RIGHTS FOR
CSA TO SELL ITS OWN TICKETS IN THE US. ATTORNEY FOR
CSA IN WASHINGTON HAS STRONGLY INTIMATED THAT CSA DESIRES

MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW DIRECT SALES
OF TICKETS BY CSA. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, IS GOC PREPARING

FOR NEGOTIATIONS BY HARASSING PAN AM, I.E. BY MANUFACTUR-
ING DIFFICULT SITUATION SO USG MUST BARGAIN FOR END OF
HARASSMENT? IF SO, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THIS TACTIC
WILL NOT HELP THEIR POSITION AND COULD BE SEEN AS SIGN
THAT CIVIL AIR RELATIONSHIP IS SO DIFFICULT THAT EXTENSION
OF AGREEMENT IS INAPPROPRIATE.

4. CSA HAS REQUESTED 38 EXTRA SECTION FLIGHTS
BEGINNING JULY 19. CAB WAS ABOUT TO GRANT APPROVAL OF
THESE FLIGHTS BUT DUE TO RECENT CZECH ACTIONS, IS NOW IN
PROCESS OF RECONSIDERING CSA REQUEST BASED ON COMITY
AND RECIPROCITY OF TREATMENT OF US AIRLINE IN CZECHOSLOV-
AKIA. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE GOC OF THE ABOVE AND POINT
OUT THAT RECENT PATTERN OF EVENTS DOES NOT ENCOURAGE USG
TO BELIEVE THAT CZECHS ARE WILLING TO TREAT US DESIGNATED
AIRLINE FAIRLY. DEPT/CAB AWAIT WITH INTEREST CZECH
RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATIONS ON PAN AM'S BEHALF. VANCE

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